

FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH.

BRITISH BALLY OUT AND DESTROY A BIG BOER CAMP.

Brilliant Piece of Work at Beater's Hill by the Cavalry after the Enemy's Position Had Been Shelled—Camp Equipment Captured and Boers Lost Heavily—After Sorties Keep the Boers Engaged—Artillery Duel Continues—Gen. White sends out Reports by Pigeons—Troops in Good Health and Spirits—An Exchange of Wounded Prisoners Made.

Special Cable Dispatches to The Sun.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—News from Beater's Hill is so mixed and what has been received is mixed, the main feature being three accounts of Thursday's fighting around Ladysmith, one of which describes the taking of the Boers' camp at Beater's Hill, such a fashion as to make it seem as if it were true, a distinct check on the Boers' position. The other two, including an official pigeon-post despatch, do not indicate anything beyond a successful little skirmish.

The most important news, though it is scanty, refers to the movements of the Free State Boers. The northern part of Cape Colony, while the British still hold De Aar and the Orange River bridge, the Boers have the latter underlined, thus commanding the route from Cape Town to Kimberley. They also hold the Orange River bridge over which passes the main road to the Cape, and the Orange River bridge at Norval's Post, carrying the Port Elizabeth line, and the Beaufort Bridge, carrying the East London line.

The Boers now seem to be pausing, but their natural objective will be the junction at Stormberg, which has already been evacuated. Naauwpoort, and De Aar. The importance of these points, on which converge the railways connecting the Free State with the coast, is such that the first available troops are expected to be sent thither.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—Shortly before midnight the War Office dated the following message received from Gen. Sir Redvers Buller from Cape Town, dated 8:40 o'clock to-night:

"The following message by pigeon post was received to-day through the commander at Durban:

"On Friday Gen. French went out with cavalry and field artillery and effectively shelled a Boer laager near Ladysmith. There was no loss on our side.

"Lieut. Egerton of the naval battery, who was wounded, is dead. Gen. Doughty sent in Major Kinnell of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and also wounded prisoners. Eight Boers were sent in exchange for three British. The British, under Gen. Buller, with field artillery, cavalry, the Imperial Light Horse and the Natal Mounted Volunteers, engaged the enemy southwest of Ladysmith, fighting for several hours. Our loss was very small. The bombardment continued yesterday and to-day, many shells being fired. The Boers' position is in good health and spirits. The wounded are doing very well.

The following details of the fighting at Ladysmith have also been received:

"Thursday, 2:40 P. M.—Yesterday and last night some of the British guns were quietly engaged in a better position. The British Brigade got three powerful quick-firing guns on a high ridge close to the western side of the town. The Boers also dragged one of their forty-pounders to an excellent new position and replaced their disabled guns with it. So far, no Boer has been seen. They also placed a new battery on a hill four miles southwest of the town. Gen. Buller and his staff were active day and night and important movements were effected.

"At 10 o'clock the bluejackets opened on the ridge where the Boers had a forty-pounder and a four-inch gun. After four hours the forty-pounder was silenced. Meanwhile the other batteries were busy, the British having the better of the fighting.

"Gen. French, with the Lancers, Hussars, Natal Carabiniers and Border Rifles, started at 10 o'clock and fought a running battle with the Boers' camp. Heater's Hill before the enemy noticed them. A field battery also managed to take up a position commanding the enemy's camp without molestation. The camp was a large one, surrounded by wagons and other obstructions. Heater's Hill was well shelled. The Boers' position was about 10 o'clock the British guns opened fire. The Boers replied spiritedly, but their guns were not well served and their fire was ineffective. The British fire was very good, for within a short time forty shells burst in the midst of the camp, killing heavy loss and demoralizing the defenders.

"Then the cavalry suddenly charged and swept over the laager, driving everything fearfully before them. The Boers fled precipitately, leaving many dead and wounded on the ground. The shells fell and burst in the most terrible manner. The enemy's camp fell into the hands of the British. The scheme was well devised and brilliantly executed. It is hoped that it will considerably minimize the efficiency of the Boer State Boers to the westward."

A despatch to the Central News says that while the Boers were engaged in the fighting at Ladysmith, the British were bombarding the Boer batteries Thursday afternoon a party of cavalry volunteers crept around the hills and surprised and captured one of the camps of the enemy. It was a brilliant piece of work.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The correspondent of the Standard at Ladysmith, "elaborating under date Thursday, minimizes the result of the fighting which took place there on Wednesday. He says the British scored a slight success that was sufficient to show the enemy that they are equal to taking the offensive. He adds that the British have captured a large number of Boer horses and some field artillery drive a command of the Boer State Boers from their laager five miles to the northwest of the town. Only three of the British soldiers were hurt.

BOERS KINDNESS TO WOUNDED.

English Correspondent Praises Their Conduct After Capture of the Boer Force.

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LONDON, Nov. 6.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Ladysmith, in a story of the disaster to the British army at Nicholson's Nek, says that after an hour's fighting the Boers were reinforced by 2,000 men. Both sides were careful and deliberate. The firing of the Boers was magnificent. A contingent of the British troops raised a shout of defiance as the highest prize was won by a bullet through it. Many of the Boers' heavy loss, admitting that the whole of their firing line was shot.

After the engagement the Boers showed kindness to the wounded and the prisoners. They offered water for the British wounded and gave blankets of the captured mules to the British soldiers. Some of them asked the British for their embroidered belts as mementos of their great victory, but they refused that many of them continued to pay the price of the men. In many instances, they refrained from pressing the sword bayonets, but the Boers would not take it. Some of the wounded dropped dead, but the Boers would not take it. Some of the wounded dropped dead, but the Boers would not take it.

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CROKER HEARS BAD NEWS.

THEY MUTTER 'HILL' IN ANGER AT THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

Hope of Carrying the Assembly Practically Abandoned—But There'll Be \$44,000 for Workers in This City To-Morrow—Croker's Deliverance on Rapid Transit.

The Hon. Richard Croker spent the entire day yesterday at the Democratic Club. He was visited there by many of the district leaders and he heard their final reports of the situation in their districts. Mr. Croker heard a great deal of news from up the State that tended to worry him. It was to the effect that the Hon. David McKim had been elected to the Assembly from the State with a long knife and that there was very little chance indeed of the Democrats carrying the Assembly. The reports from up the State were from trusted men. They were to the effect that Mr. Hill had been sending broadcast an alarm that Mr. Croker had designs on the State as well as the city and had proposed to ride roughshod over the State when he got the opportunity. Mr. Croker would say nothing about these reports to the reporters, but some of his friends were not so cautious. They said that the reports had convinced Mr. Croker that the election against him so far as the State was concerned, and that he had no little expectation of carrying the Assembly. In the first place, these friends said, Mr. Croker knew that the Republican organization had been at work all the year to carry the Assembly and was a fine organization, while the Democratic organization up the State was no good at all and had done no work until the opening of the campaign. These friends said also that Mr. Croker was proud of the organization he had in Tammany and that he was sure that the Republicans had only one certain district in the State. That district was the one in the Town of Westchester, where the Hon. Abraham Gruber is the leader. They said that Mr. Croker was willing to concede the election of Assemblyman Fawcett, who is a candidate for reelection there. But on these points Mr. Croker was silent when he was questioned.

Mr. Croker was asked by the reporter what he would predict for Tuesday so far as the Assembly districts were concerned, and he replied: "I see no reason to change my estimate that we might carry all the districts. The Republicans cannot get more than one or two at the outside, and that is a certainty. That is the result of sending to the Assembly men from this city, who look after their own interests rather than the interests that they are sent there to protect. The Republicans who are elected by the people go up to Albany and blindfold follow the crowd. I saw in New York City in everything, no matter how small, the leaders want to put on the city of New York; no matter what they want to take away from it. That is why such men as Mott will be elected to the Assembly. I saw in New York City in everything, no matter how small, the leaders want to put on the city of New York; no matter what they want to take away from it. That is why such men as Mott will be elected to the Assembly. I saw in New York City in everything, no matter how small, the leaders want to put on the city of New York; no matter what they want to take away from it. That is why such men as Mott will be elected to the Assembly."

Mr. Croker did not smile as he made this statement. "They are going to use this money to corrupt the voters," he added. "The money that Tammany has been using in the city is not for the benefit of the city, but for the benefit of the Tammany machine. The money that Tammany has been using in the city is not for the benefit of the city, but for the benefit of the Tammany machine. The money that Tammany has been using in the city is not for the benefit of the city, but for the benefit of the Tammany machine."

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MISTAKE IN BANK STATEMENT.

Surplus Reserve Overstated by a Million a Week, Says Saturday.

There is a great public interest nowadays in the weekly statements published every Saturday of the cash on hand, loans, and so forth of the banks in the Clearing House Association and of the other banks for which these banks clear. The statement issued week before last was surprising in that it showed an apparent surplus reserve of \$1,500,000. This increase was much greater than those familiar with the situation had expected, and various rumors were current as to mistakes in the statement.

It can be positively stated that there was no mistake in the statement, namely, that one of the banks in the Clearing House Association did make a mistake in reporting its condition, by crediting itself with nearly \$1,000,000 more cash on hand than it actually had on hand. This error was, of course, corrected in the bank's statement issued last Saturday. The error was, of course, corrected in the bank's statement issued last Saturday. The error was, of course, corrected in the bank's statement